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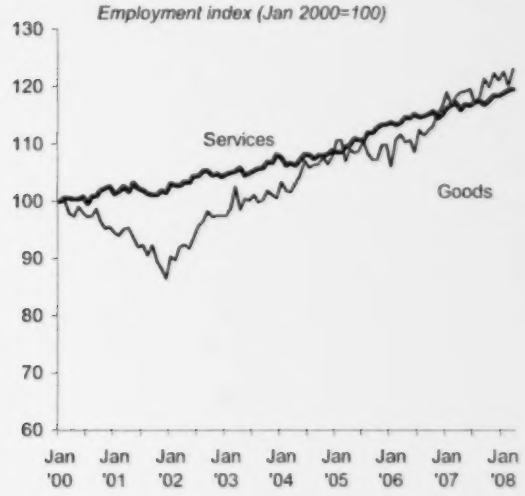
Labour Force Statistics ◆ March 2008

(All labour force statistics are seasonally adjusted, unless otherwise indicated)

Jobless rate increases to 4.3%

The jobless rate in British Columbia rose 0.2 percentage points to 4.3% in March as the labour force grew (+0.8%) faster than the number of individuals with jobs (+0.6%). Job growth was particularly strong among the self-employed (+1.9%). BC's public sector shed 2,000 jobs (-0.5%) while employment in the private sector expanded 0.6%. Numbers of both part-time (+1.2%) and full-time (+0.5%) positions in the province were up in March.

Job growth strongest in the goods sector



Job growth was strong in the goods sector, increasing 2.5% in March compared to the previous month, with all major industries expanding their workforces. The largest rise in employment was in the always volatile utilities industry (+9.0%), with manufacturing (+3.0%) and construction (+2.3%) also adding substantially to the number of positions offered. Employment in agriculture (+0.8%) and forestry, fishing & mining (+0.4%) increased slightly as well.

Service sector employment inched 0.1% higher in March. A sharp downturn in finance, insurance & real estate (-9.3%), information, culture & recreation (-3.6%) and education (-1.2%) almost completely offset job growth in public administration (+2.3%), accommodation & food (+1.5%), transportation & warehousing (+1.4%), trade (+1.3%) and 'other' services (+9.8%). The number of jobs in health care & social assistance, the largest employer in the service sector, remained virtually unchanged in March.

Unemployment rates fell in most regions

The year-over-year unemployment rate in Northeast[1] jumped 0.6 percentage points to 3.8% (*3-month moving average*) in March marking the first time since December 2006 that the region did not have the lowest unemployment rate in the province. Although Kootenay had the lowest unemployment rate (3.3%) in BC, the region saw a relatively large decrease (-6.2%) in the number of jobs as well as a significant contraction (-8.8%) in the labour force.

Both employment (+2.9%) and the labour force (+2.9%) saw similar increases in Mainland/ Southwest, leaving the unemployment rate virtually unchanged at 3.7%. In Vancouver Island/Coast, however, a rise in the number of individuals employed pushed the region's jobless rate down to 5.2%.

An increase in the labour force (+2.7%) surpassed the rise in employment (+1.9%) in Thompson/ Okanagan causing the unemployment rate to move 0.9 percentage points higher to 5.8% in March. This was also the case in Cariboo, where unemployment increased to 6.8%.

BC's youth labour force participation rate at 68.9%

Labour force participation among British Columbia's youth (those aged 15-24 years) was at 68.9% in March, up 0.1 percentage points from a month earlier. From mid-1999 to late-2005, the proportion of youths taking part in the labour force in the province remained consistently below the national average. However, in October 2005 the gap in youth participation rates between BC and Canada as a whole had closed and remained at or around the national average until May 2007, when BC's youth participation rate surpassed the Canadian average for the first time in more than ten years. Since May 2007, youth participation in BC has continued to remain above the national average.

Youth labour force participation rate in BC has surpassed the national average

Employment opportunities were greatest in the service sector, providing jobs to 82% of BC's employed youth in March. Among all industries in the service sector, retail trade (25%) and accommodation & food services (21%) employed the largest share of BC's employed youths. The remaining 18% possessed jobs in the goods sector, most of who were employed in either construction (10%) or manufacturing (7%).

Labour force participation is highest among those aged 25-54 years at more than 85% and lowest among those aged 55 year and over at less than one-third. Overall, the province's labour force participation rate was 66.9% in March.

The Nation

Nationally, the unemployment rate rose 0.2 percentage points to 6.0% in March, due to an expansion (+0.3%) in the number of entrants to the labour force as Canada's participation rate reached a record-setting 68.0%. Following a strong February, employment in Ontario was unchanged in March as gains in the number of part-time jobs offset losses in full-time positions. Western Canada continued to have the lowest rates of unemployment in March. British Columbia and Manitoba had the third lowest unemployment rate at 4.3% with Saskatchewan (4.1%) and Alberta (3.4%) rounding out the second lowest and the lowest jobless rates in the country respectively as the West continues to benefit from a strong labour market.

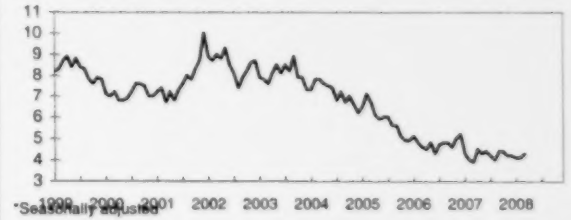
Selected Statistics	Mar-08	Feb-08	Mar-07
BC Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.1	3.9
Canadian Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	5.8	6.1
BC Employment ('000)	2,318	2,303	2,263
BC Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	66.9	66.5	66.3
Mar % change in employment relative to:	-	0.6	2.4
Mar % change in labour force relative to:	-	0.8	2.8

[1] Rates for Northeast, as well as some cities, are BC Stats estimates, calculated using data supplied by Statistics Canada.

1 Summary for March 2008--Actual and Seasonally Adjusted

	Current March 2008		Previous Month February 2008		One Year Ago March 2007		Change from February 2008		Change from March 2007	
	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.
British Columbia										
Working Age Population ('000)	3,619.9		3,614.1		3,551.7		0.2%		1.9%	
Labour Force ('000)	2,407.4	2,422.2	2,380.8	2,402.5	2,336.3	2,355.1	1.1%	0.8%	3.0%	2.8%
Employment ('000)	2,305.3	2,317.9	2,275.1	2,303.2	2,245.8	2,262.7	1.3%	0.6%	2.6%	2.4%
Unemployment ('000)	102.1	104.4	105.7	99.3	90.5	92.4	-3.4%	5.1%	12.8%	13.0%
Employment Rate[1]	63.7%	64.0%	63.0%	63.7%	63.2%	63.7%				
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	4.1%	3.9%	3.9%				
Participation Rate	66.5%	66.9%	65.9%	66.5%	65.8%	66.3%				
Canada										
Working Age Population ('000)	26,803.4		26,774.8		26,441.5		0.1%		1.4%	
Labour Force ('000)	18,000.4	18,216.0	17,908.6	18,158.9	17,663.0	17,889.1	0.5%	0.3%	1.9%	1.8%
Employment ('000)	16,845.2	17,116.8	16,810.5	17,102.2	16,512.5	16,791.8	0.2%	0.1%	2.0%	1.9%
Unemployment ('000)	1,155.2	1,099.2	1,098.2	1,056.6	1,150.5	1,097.2	5.2%	4.0%	0.4%	0.2%
Employment Rate[1]	62.8%	63.9%	62.8%	63.9%	62.4%	63.5%				
Unemployment Rate	6.4%	6.0%	6.1%	5.8%	6.5%	6.1%				
Participation Rate	67.2%	68.0%	66.9%	67.8%	66.8%	67.7%				

BC Unemployment Rate*:



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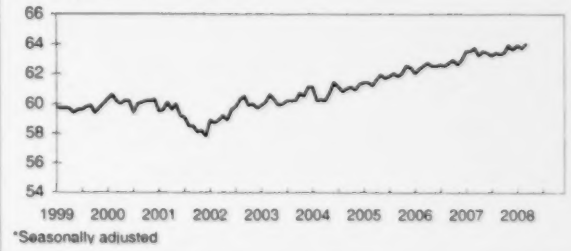
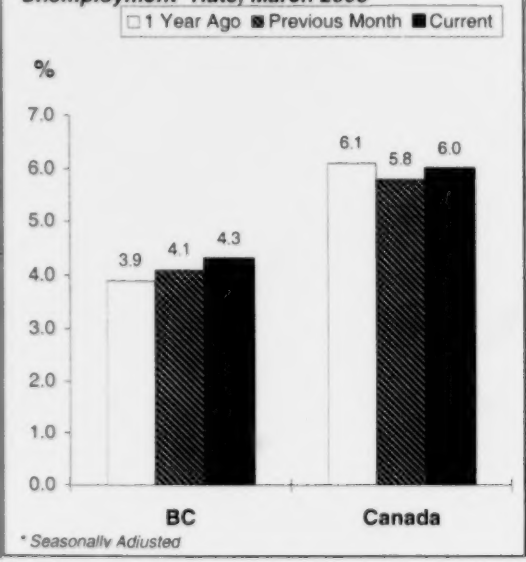
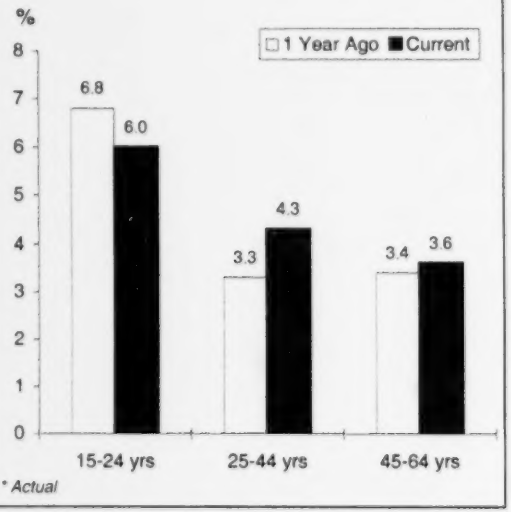


Unemployment* Rate, March 2008



BC Unemployment* Rates by Age, March 2008



[1] Employment rate is calculated as employment as a percent of the working age population.

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2 BC Monthly Labour Force Data

	Actual								Seasonally Adjusted							
	Labour Force		Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate	Labour Force		Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	(%)	(%)	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*	(%)	(%)
1998	2,038.3		1,858.4		179.9		8.8	64.9								
1999	2,064.8	1.3	1,894.4	1.9	170.4	-5.3	8.3	65.1								
2000	2,079.9	0.7	1,931.3	1.9	148.6	-12.8	7.1	64.8								
2001	2,082.6	0.1	1,921.6	-0.5	161.1	8.4	7.7	64.0								
2002	2,147.6	3.1	1,965.0	2.3	182.6	13.3	8.5	65.1								
2003	2,190.7	2.0	2,014.7	2.5	176.0	-3.6	8.0	65.6								
2004	2,221.9	1.4	2,062.7	2.4	159.2	-9.5	7.2	65.5								
2005	2,263.4	1.9	2,130.5	3.3	132.9	-16.5	5.9	65.6								
2006	2,305.1	1.8	2,195.5	3.1	109.6	-17.5	4.8	65.7								
2007	2,366.4	2.7	2,266.3	3.2	100.0	-8.8	4.2	66.3								
2007 Jan	2,325.4	3.2	2,213.4	4.3	112.0	-13.8	4.8	65.6	2,352.1		2,251.8		100.3		4.3	66.4
Feb	2,324.3	2.8	2,221.2	3.7	103.1	-13.0	4.4	65.5	2,345.8	-0.3	2,251.1	0.0	94.7	-5.6	4.0	66.1
Mar	2,336.3	3.0	2,245.8	3.7	90.5	-12.1	3.9	65.8	2,355.1	0.4	2,262.7	0.5	92.4	-2.4	3.9	66.3
Apr	2,333.3	2.7	2,225.9	2.6	107.4	3.3	4.6	65.6	2,353.6	-0.1	2,247.1	-0.7	106.5	15.3	4.5	66.2
May	2,378.7	2.7	2,274.6	3.3	104.1	-8.0	4.4	66.8	2,362.8	0.4	2,261.7	0.6	101.1	-5.1	4.3	66.3
Jun	2,392.7	3.3	2,294.9	3.1	97.7	7.5	4.1	67.1	2,365.5	0.1	2,260.9	0.0	104.6	3.5	4.4	66.3
Jul	2,392.8	1.9	2,287.6	2.7	105.2	-11.8	4.4	67.0	2,356.9	-0.4	2,259.0	-0.1	97.9	-6.4	4.2	66.0
Aug	2,399.6	2.1	2,291.3	3.1	108.4	-14.8	4.5	67.1	2,361.4	0.2	2,267.1	0.4	94.3	-3.7	4.0	66.0
Sep	2,367.3	2.4	2,272.4	2.8	95.0	-5.8	4.0	66.0	2,373.8	0.5	2,270.0	0.1	103.7	10.0	4.4	66.2
Oct	2,378.0	2.3	2,283.9	2.5	94.1	-2.9	4.0	66.2	2,379.4	0.2	2,275.5	0.2	103.9	0.2	4.4	66.3
Nov	2,390.5	3.3	2,297.8	4.0	92.6	-12.5	3.9	66.4	2,399.2	0.8	2,298.8	1.0	100.4	-3.4	4.2	66.7
Dec	2,377.5	2.2	2,287.3	3.1	90.2	-14.9	3.8	66.0	2,393.5	-0.2	2,292.9	-0.3	100.6	0.2	4.2	66.4
2008 Jan	2,381.4	2.4	2,274.3	2.8	107.1	-4.4	4.5	66.0	2,402.9	0.4	2,305.2	0.5	97.7	-2.9	4.1	66.6
Feb	2,380.8	2.4	2,275.1	2.4	105.7	2.5	4.4	65.9	2,402.5	0.0	2,303.2	-0.1	99.3	1.6	4.1	66.5
Mar	2,407.4	3.0	2,305.3	2.6	102.1	12.8	4.2	66.5	2,422.2	0.8	2,317.9	0.6	104.4	5.1	4.3	66.9
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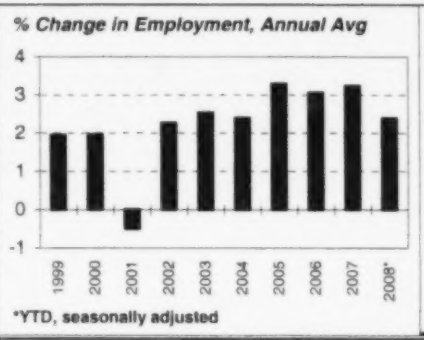
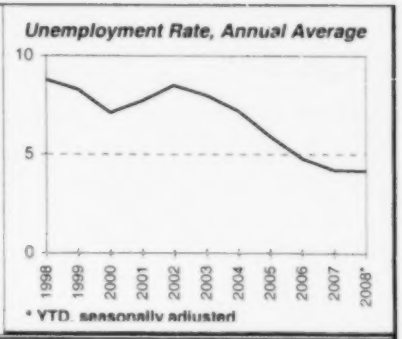
Average:																
Jan-Mar07	2,328.7		2,226.8		101.9		4.4	65.6	2,351.0		2,255.2		95.8		4.1	66.3
Jan-Mar08	2,389.9		2,284.9		105.0		4.4	66.1	2,409.2		2,308.8		100.5		4.2	66.7
% Change	2.6		2.6		3.0				2.5		2.4		4.9			





* Per cent changes for "actual" data are calculated as month over same month previous year. For seasonally adjusted data, per cent changes are calculated as month over previous month.

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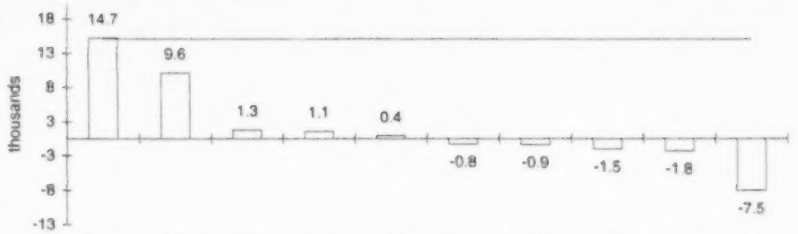
3a Employment ('000) by Province

	Actual										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1998	1,858.4	1,509.9	470.5	534.2	5,453.3	3,257.5	315.2	395.3	59.6	192.4	14,046.2
1999	1,894.4	1,544.0	471.6	541.4	5,636.7	3,328.1	325.5	404.0	60.2	201.0	14,406.7
2000	1,931.3	1,584.0	473.5	552.3	5,817.1	3,402.8	331.2	411.4	62.7	198.0	14,764.2
2001	1,921.6	1,630.9	460.3	554.3	5,926.2	3,440.2	330.1	415.2	63.6	203.8	14,946.2
2002	1,965.0	1,670.8	468.3	567.2	6,031.4	3,569.9	343.1	422.9	64.7	207.2	15,310.4
2003	2,014.7	1,716.7	476.1	570.3	6,213.2	3,628.8	343.1	431.2	66.1	212.3	15,672.3
2004	2,062.7	1,757.5	479.7	576.6	6,316.5	3,680.5	350.1	442.2	66.9	214.3	15,947.0
2005	2,130.5	1,784.4	483.5	580.3	6,397.7	3,717.3	350.5	443.1	68.2	214.1	16,169.7
2006	2,195.5	1,870.7	491.6	587.0	6,492.7	3,765.4	355.4	441.8	68.6	215.7	16,484.3
2007	2,266.3	1,959.4	501.8	596.5	6,593.8	3,851.7	362.8	447.6	69.3	217.1	16,866.4

Employment Change*('000), March 2008

Line represents Canada at 14.6



** Current month over previous month (saadj)*

	Seasonally Adjusted										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2007 Jan	2,213.4	1,901.9	493.4	579.8	6,437.2	3,701.1	342.4	432.4	64.8	198.6	16,364.9
Feb	2,221.2	1,916.7	492.5	582.6	6,460.0	3,720.3	344.7	433.6	64.8	203.0	16,439.5
Mar	2,245.8	1,921.3	494.7	585.8	6,463.8	3,753.5	345.2	433.2	65.4	203.6	16,512.5
Apr	2,225.9	1,927.9	494.4	587.0	6,489.2	3,785.4	349.9	442.5	65.8	207.7	16,575.7
May	2,274.6	1,964.0	509.0	604.5	6,634.0	3,862.0	367.3	454.6	71.8	222.2	16,963.9
Jun	2,294.9	1,995.2	509.9	608.2	6,685.9	3,954.6	382.8	458.9	74.4	230.6	17,195.5
Jul	2,287.6	2,000.4	508.6	603.1	6,688.3	3,978.8	380.1	457.6	73.6	236.5	17,214.7
Aug	2,291.3	1,995.0	504.5	603.3	6,699.2	3,938.8	378.8	456.6	75.1	230.9	17,173.5
Sep	2,272.4	1,974.0	504.4	599.4	6,603.6	3,897.5	369.5	448.1	71.8	224.4	16,965.2
Oct	2,283.9	1,971.9	504.5	604.2	6,681.2	3,895.1	365.6	454.0	71.5	219.8	17,051.9
Nov	2,297.8	1,962.7	505.9	603.9	6,656.9	3,885.4	366.8	448.4	66.7	215.3	17,009.9
Dec	2,287.3	1,982.3	499.1	595.9	6,626.0	3,848.0	360.6	451.1	66.4	213.0	16,929.8
2008 Jan	2,274.3	1,970.6	496.0	591.7	6,533.8	3,785.9	350.1	436.8	65.2	206.5	16,710.8
Feb	2,275.1	1,973.6	499.8	593.3	6,595.7	3,813.6	353.8	432.2	65.6	207.8	16,810.5
Mar	2,305.3	1,987.6	500.1	594.2	6,586.4	3,809.5	352.0	436.1	66.8	207.3	16,845.2
Apr											
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Average:											
Jan-Mar07	2,226.8	1,913.3	493.5	582.7	6,453.7	3,725.0	344.1	433.1	65.0	201.7	16,439.0
Jan-Mar08	2,284.9	1,977.3	498.6	593.1	6,572.0	3,803.0	352.0	435.0	65.9	207.2	16,788.8
% Change	2.6	3.3	1.0	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.3	0.5	1.3	2.7	2.1
	2.4	3.3	0.9	1.7	1.8	2.1	2.1	0.4	0.8	2.3	2.0

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3b Employment Growth by Province (%)

	Actual										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1998	-0.1	4.0	0.9	1.6	3.1	2.7	2.0	3.5	1.4	2.2	2.5
1999	1.9	2.3	0.2	1.3	3.4	2.2	3.3	2.2	1.0	4.5	2.6
2000	1.9	2.6	0.4	2.0	3.2	2.2	1.8	1.8	4.2	-1.5	2.5
2001	-0.5	3.0	-2.8	0.4	1.9	1.1	-0.3	0.9	1.4	2.9	1.2
2002	2.3	2.4	1.7	2.3	1.8	3.8	3.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	2.4
2003	2.5	2.7	1.7	0.5	3.0	1.6	0.0	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.4
2004	2.4	2.4	0.8	1.1	1.7	1.4	2.0	2.6	1.2	0.9	1.8
2005	3.3	1.5	0.8	0.6	1.3	1.0	0.1	0.2	1.9	-0.1	1.4
2006	3.1	4.8	1.7	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.4	-0.3	0.6	0.7	1.9
2007	3.2	4.7	2.1	1.6	1.6	2.3	2.1	1.3	1.0	0.6	2.3
2007 Jan	4.3	6.8	4.8	1.0	1.6	1.7	-0.1	1.7	2.9	2.4	2.6
Feb	3.7	5.7	4.4	0.9	1.9	1.4	0.7	2.3	1.9	1.6	2.5
Mar	3.7	5.3	4.3	2.0	1.6	2.1	0.5	1.0	3.5	2.6	2.5
Apr	2.6	5.8	3.0	0.8	1.1	3.0	1.3	1.4	1.5	2.5	2.3
May	3.3	3.4	2.6	1.3	0.8	1.9	0.6	0.6	-1.2	1.0	1.7
Jun	3.1	4.5	1.3	1.5	0.9	2.5	2.5	1.2	0.1	-0.1	2.0
Jul	2.7	5.4	0.8	1.7	1.2	2.3	1.9	1.0	0.1	-0.3	2.1
Aug	3.1	4.7	0.6	1.4	1.5	2.5	3.3	0.7	0.8	0.3	2.3
Sep	2.8	4.7	1.1	1.6	2.0	2.3	3.5	1.1	0.8	-0.4	2.4
Oct	2.5	3.7	0.6	2.4	2.7	2.4	2.8	2.0	3.3	-0.7	2.6
Nov	4.0	2.8	1.6	3.0	2.1	2.9	4.6	1.2	-1.0	-0.4	2.6
Dec	3.1	4.4	0.4	1.8	1.3	2.4	3.3	1.5	0.6	0.5	2.1
2008 Jan	2.8	3.6	0.5	2.1	1.5	2.3	2.2	1.0	0.6	4.0	2.1
Feb	2.4	3.0	1.5	1.8	2.1	2.5	2.6	-0.3	1.2	2.4	2.3
Mar	2.6	3.5	1.1	1.4	1.9	1.5	2.0	0.7	2.1	1.8	2.0
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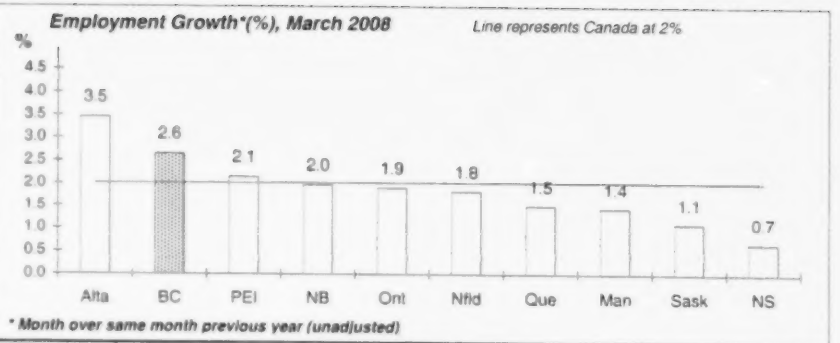


** Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)*

	Seasonally Adjusted										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2007 Jan	1.3	1.2	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.6	2.2	-1.1	0.4
Feb	0.0	0.2	-0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.4	-0.4	1.4	0.1
Mar	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.7	0.0	-0.7	0.0	-0.4	0.3
Apr	-0.7	0.6	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.0
May	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	0.4	0.2	0.0	-0.5	-0.8	-1.4	-0.1	0.1
Jun	0.0	0.7	-0.5	0.2	0.1	0.6	1.3	0.0	0.1	-1.2	0.3
Jul	-0.1	0.5	0.0	-0.4	0.2	-0.1	-0.9	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	0.0
Aug	0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.3	-0.2	0.3	1.1	0.1
Sep	0.1	0.3	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.3	0.0	0.3
Oct	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.1	1.0	1.3	-0.1	0.4
Nov	1.0	-0.3	0.7	0.5	-0.2	0.3	1.3	-0.3	-2.7	0.1	0.1
Dec	-0.3	1.1	-0.4	-0.9	-0.1	-0.2	-0.7	0.6	1.5	0.9	0.0
2008 Jan	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	-0.4	0.0	1.3	2.0	0.3
Feb	-0.1	-0.3	0.7	-0.1	0.7	0.1	0.7	-0.8	0.7	-0.4	0.3
Mar	0.6	0.5	-0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	0.2	0.6	-0.4	0.1

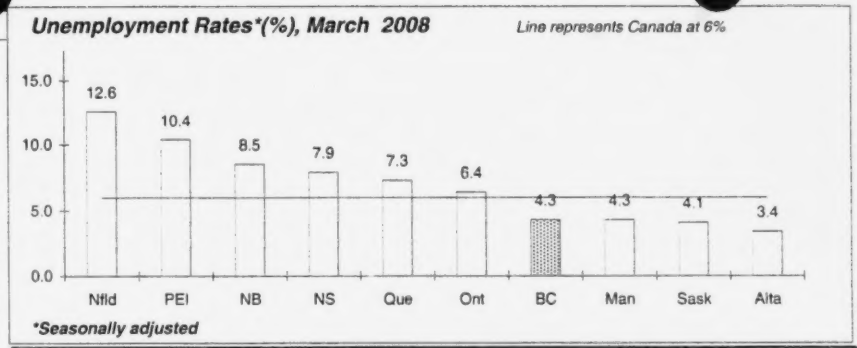
Note: growth rates for "actual" data are calculated as month over same month previous year. For seasonally adjusted data, growth rates are calculated as month over previous month.

Produced by: **BC Stats**

Source: ***Statistics Canada***

4a Provincial Unemployment Rates (%)

	Actual										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1998	8.8	5.6	5.8	5.6	7.2	10.3	12.2	10.5	13.9	17.9	8.3
1999	8.3	5.7	6.1	5.6	6.3	9.3	10.2	9.6	14.3	16.9	7.6
2000	7.1	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.8	8.5	10.0	9.1	12.1	16.7	6.8
2001	7.7	4.6	5.8	5.1	6.3	8.8	11.1	9.7	11.9	16.1	7.2
2002	8.5	5.3	5.7	5.1	7.1	8.6	10.2	9.6	12.0	16.7	7.7
2003	8.0	5.1	5.6	5.0	6.9	9.1	10.3	9.1	11.0	16.5	7.6
2004	7.2	4.6	5.3	5.3	6.8	8.5	9.8	8.8	11.3	15.7	7.2
2005	5.9	3.9	5.1	4.8	6.6	8.3	9.7	8.4	10.8	15.2	6.8
2006	4.8	3.4	4.7	4.3	6.3	8.0	8.8	7.9	11.0	14.8	6.3
2007	4.2	3.5	4.2	4.4	6.4	7.2	7.5	8.0	10.3	13.6	6.0



	Seasonally Adjusted										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2007 Jan	4.8	3.7	4.6	5.1	6.6	8.8	8.8	8.9	13.9	18.1	6.7
Feb	4.4	3.6	4.2	4.6	6.4	8.6	7.5	8.5	12.9	15.8	6.5
Mar	3.9	3.4	4.2	4.5	7.0	8.2	8.3	9.1	12.8	16.1	6.5
Apr	4.6	3.5	4.3	5.2	6.6	7.6	8.8	8.9	13.0	15.5	6.3
May	4.4	3.8	4.3	4.8	6.5	6.9	8.2	8.1	8.8	13.7	6.1
Jun	4.1	3.4	3.9	3.9	6.3	6.1	5.8	7.4	7.1	11.5	5.6
Jul	4.4	3.4	4.8	4.3	7.3	6.4	7.1	8.5	9.0	11.0	6.2
Aug	4.5	3.9	5.5	4.9	7.0	7.0	7.9	8.4	7.9	12.8	6.4
Sep	4.0	3.3	3.4	3.9	5.9	6.4	7.2	7.3	7.9	11.4	5.5
Oct	4.0	3.2	3.7	3.5	5.5	6.3	6.9	6.7	7.4	12.2	5.3
Nov	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.9	5.7	7.0	6.6	7.8	11.8	12.8	5.6
Dec	3.8	3.1	3.8	4.1	5.8	7.0	7.8	6.8	11.9	12.5	5.6
2008 Jan	4.5	3.6	4.5	4.1	6.5	7.8	9.3	8.3	14.0	14.6	6.3
Feb	4.4	3.6	4.3	4.5	6.1	7.7	8.9	8.6	11.8	14.6	6.1
Mar	4.2	3.3	4.4	4.6	6.8	8.0	9.4	8.8	12.6	14.4	6.4
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Average:											
Jan-Mar07	4.4	3.6	4.3	4.7	6.7	8.5	8.2	8.8	13.2	16.7	6.6
Jan-Mar08	4.4	3.5	4.4	4.4	6.5	7.8	9.2	8.6	12.8	14.5	6.3

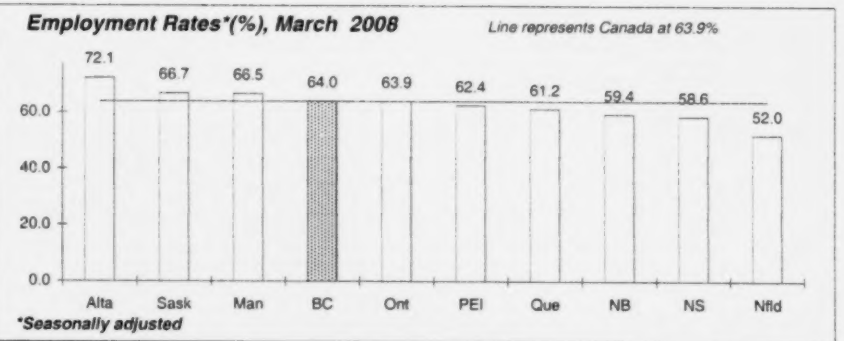
	Seasonally Adjusted										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2007 Jan	4.3	3.3	4.1	4.6	6.5	7.6	7.9	7.9	10.5	15.2	6.2
Feb	4.0	3.5	4.0	4.3	6.3	7.8	6.9	7.5	10.3	14.1	6.1
Mar	3.9	3.6	3.9	4.3	6.6	7.5	7.5	8.0	10.4	14.1	6.1
Apr	4.5	3.4	4.1	4.8	6.6	7.2	7.5	8.2	9.7	13.2	6.2
May	4.3	3.8	4.5	5.2	6.3	7.1	7.8	8.0	10.2	12.8	6.0
Jun	4.4	3.7	4.4	4.5	6.6	6.9	6.9	8.1	10.5	13.1	6.1
Jul	4.2	3.4	4.8	4.2	6.6	7.0	7.4	8.7	10.5	13.6	6.0
Aug	4.0	3.6	4.8	4.2	6.4	7.2	7.8	8.9	10.4	13.7	6.0
Sep	4.4	3.6	3.9	4.2	6.2	6.9	8.3	7.9	10.6	13.5	5.9
Oct	4.4	3.4	4.3	4.1	6.1	7.0	7.7	7.6	8.8	13.6	5.8
Nov	4.2	3.6	4.0	4.2	6.4	7.0	7.2	7.9	11.4	13.2	5.9
Dec	4.2	3.2	4.0	4.2	6.5	7.0	7.8	7.8	10.7	12.5	6.0
2008 Jan	4.1	3.2	3.9	3.8	6.3	6.8	8.2	7.4	10.6	12.2	5.8
Feb	4.1	3.5	4.1	4.2	6.1	7.0	8.1	7.7	10.0	13.1	5.8
Mar	4.3	3.4	4.1	4.3	6.4	7.3	8.5	7.9	10.4	12.6	6.0

Produced by: **BC Stats**

Source: Statistics Canada

4b Provincial Employment Rates (%)

	Actual										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1998	59.2	68.5	62.7	63.2	61.2	56.1	53.1	54.1	56.4	44.4	59.7
1999	59.7	68.5	62.8	63.7	62.3	56.9	54.6	55.0	56.6	46.6	60.6
2000	60.2	68.6	63.3	64.5	63.2	57.8	55.4	55.7	58.7	46.1	61.3
2001	59.0	69.0	61.8	64.4	63.0	57.9	55.0	55.9	59.0	47.7	61.1
2002	59.6	69.1	63.1	65.5	62.9	59.5	57.0	56.6	59.5	48.5	61.7
2003	60.3	69.8	64.0	65.3	63.8	60.0	56.7	57.3	60.2	49.5	62.4
2004	60.9	70.1	64.3	65.4	63.8	60.2	57.6	58.4	60.3	49.8	62.7
2005	61.8	69.8	64.6	65.3	63.5	60.1	57.4	58.2	61.1	49.8	62.7
2006	62.5	70.8	65.9	65.8	63.5	60.2	58.1	57.9	61.1	50.4	63.0
2007	63.5	71.5	66.8	66.4	63.6	61.0	59.2	58.6	61.2	51.2	63.5



	Actual											Seasonally Adjusted										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2007 Jan	62.5	70.4	66.1	64.8	62.5	58.9	56.0	56.6	57.4	46.6	62.0	63.5	71.5	67.4	66.0	63.6	60.5	58.4	58.7	62.2	50.6	63.4
Feb	62.6	70.7	65.9	65.1	62.7	59.1	56.3	56.8	57.4	47.7	62.2	63.5	71.5	67.2	66.1	63.6	60.4	58.8	58.9	62.0	51.3	63.4
Mar	63.2	70.7	66.1	65.4	62.6	59.6	56.4	56.7	58.0	47.8	62.4	63.7	71.4	67.3	66.3	63.7	60.8	58.8	58.5	62.0	51.1	63.5
Apr	62.6	70.8	66.0	65.5	62.8	60.1	57.1	57.9	58.3	48.9	62.6	63.2	71.6	67.0	66.1	63.4	60.9	59.2	58.9	62.0	51.4	63.4
May	63.9	71.9	67.9	67.3	64.1	61.2	60.0	59.5	63.5	52.4	64.0	63.5	71.2	66.8	66.4	63.5	60.9	58.9	58.4	61.1	51.5	63.4
Jun	64.3	72.8	68.0	67.7	64.6	62.6	62.5	60.1	65.7	54.5	64.8	63.4	71.4	66.4	66.5	63.5	61.2	59.7	58.4	61.0	50.9	63.5
Jul	64.0	72.8	67.7	67.1	64.5	63.0	62.0	59.9	64.9	55.9	64.8	63.2	71.6	66.3	66.1	63.6	61.1	59.1	58.0	60.7	50.7	63.4
Aug	64.0	72.4	67.1	67.0	64.5	62.3	61.7	59.7	66.2	54.6	64.6	63.4	71.4	66.0	66.3	63.5	61.1	59.2	57.9	60.8	51.3	63.4
Sep	63.4	71.5	66.9	66.6	63.6	61.6	60.2	58.6	63.2	53.0	63.7	63.3	71.5	66.8	66.5	63.7	61.1	59.2	58.3	60.9	51.3	63.6
Oct	63.6	71.3	66.8	67.0	64.2	61.5	59.5	59.3	62.9	51.9	64.0	63.4	71.5	66.6	66.8	64.0	61.3	59.3	58.9	61.7	51.2	63.7
Nov	63.9	70.9	66.9	66.9	63.9	61.3	59.6	58.6	58.7	50.8	63.7	63.9	71.3	66.9	67.0	63.7	61.4	60.0	58.8	60.0	51.1	63.7
Dec	63.5	71.6	65.8	66.0	63.6	60.7	58.6	58.9	58.3	50.2	63.4	63.6	72.0	66.6	66.3	63.6	61.3	59.6	59.1	60.8	51.5	63.7
2008 Jan	63.0	71.1	65.3	65.4	62.6	59.7	56.9	57.0	57.3	48.6	62.5	63.9	72.1	66.6	66.6	63.6	61.3	59.3	59.0	61.6	52.5	63.8
Feb	63.0	71.1	65.7	65.6	63.1	60.1	57.4	56.4	57.6	48.9	62.8	63.7	71.9	66.9	66.4	64.0	61.3	59.7	58.5	62.0	52.3	63.9
Mar	63.7	71.5	65.6	65.6	63.0	60.0	57.1	56.9	58.7	48.7	62.8	64.0	72.1	66.7	66.5	63.9	61.2	59.4	58.6	62.4	52.0	63.9
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Jan-Mar07	62.8	70.6	66.0	65.1	62.6	59.2	56.2	56.7	57.6	47.4	62.2	63.6	71.5	67.3	66.1	63.6	60.6	58.7	58.7	62.1	51.0	63.4
Jan-Mar08	63.2	71.2	65.5	65.5	62.9	59.9	57.1	56.8	57.9	48.7	62.7	63.9	72.0	66.7	66.5	63.8	61.3	59.5	58.7	62.0	52.3	63.9

5a BC Employment and Unemployment by Age and Gender, Annual

	Men								Women								Total							
	Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)			
	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages
1998	132.1	525.8	316.7	994.0	31.5	50.8	24.2	107.4	126.6	460.5	266.9	864.4	23.1	35.2	13.9	72.5	258.8	986.3	583.6	1,858.4	54.6	86.0	38.2	179.9
1999	138.2	521.0	333.8	1,011.5	26.5	48.5	22.8	98.8	134.8	461.3	278.2	882.9	19.1	35.9	16.4	71.6	273.0	982.3	611.9	1,894.4	45.6	84.4	39.2	170.4
2000	141.0	522.6	350.4	1,031.3	25.7	37.1	20.6	83.8	138.2	458.2	295.8	900.0	18.5	31.2	15.0	64.8	279.2	980.8	646.2	1,931.3	44.2	68.3	35.6	148.6
2001	140.9	509.8	354.1	1,020.1	27.1	44.5	23.0	95.6	138.2	452.8	301.3	901.4	18.0	32.1	14.9	65.5	279.1	962.5	655.4	1,921.6	45.1	76.6	37.9	161.1
2002	147.8	503.2	365.8	1,037.7	30.2	45.8	26.9	104.1	145.8	452.5	318.1	927.3	22.0	37.4	18.4	78.5	293.6	955.8	683.9	1,965.0	52.2	83.2	45.3	182.6
2003	149.3	502.2	389.7	1,065.8	28.5	39.2	27.0	95.5	149.7	454.6	333.3	948.9	21.8	36.4	21.6	80.5	299.0	956.8	723.0	2,014.7	50.3	75.6	48.5	176.0
2004	153.8	508.2	403.8	1,091.2	25.9	34.4	24.1	85.4	154.0	463.7	342.6	971.5	21.9	30.5	20.8	73.7	307.8	971.9	746.4	2,062.7	47.8	64.9	44.8	159.2
2005	166.5	513.1	424.4	1,130.5	20.3	27.1	21.4	69.8	165.7	457.3	360.8	1,000.0	17.1	26.0	19.5	63.1	332.1	970.4	785.3	2,130.5	37.4	53.1	40.9	132.9
2006	172.7	520.1	439.8	1,160.9	17.5	21.2	16.0	56.2	176.9	465.8	376.8	1,034.5	13.9	22.3	16.1	53.4	349.6	985.9	816.6	2,195.5	31.4	43.5	32.0	109.6
2007	188.2	530.3	462.6	1,210.9	15.3	19.5	14.8	50.6	174.4	467.6	395.5	1,055.4	14.4	19.3	15.4	49.4	362.6	997.9	858.2	2,266.3	29.7	38.8	30.2	100.0
2007 Jan	170.9	520.2	453.8	1,176.5	18.2	21.3	13.8	54.7	162.1	469.5	387.0	1,036.9	16.0	18.5	21.7	57.3	333.0	989.7	840.8	2,213.4	34.1	39.8	35.6	112.0
Feb	173.8	522.4	454.7	1,182.4	16.1	20.0	15.6	54.3	167.1	467.8	383.9	1,038.8	12.9	17.6	18.3	48.8	341.0	990.2	838.6	2,221.2	29.0	37.6	33.9	103.1
Mar	175.3	524.3	457.8	1,184.6	13.4	17.4	16.3	49.2	169.6	478.4	395.0	1,061.2	11.7	16.3	13.4	41.4	344.9	1,002.7	852.8	2,245.8	25.1	33.7	29.8	90.5
Apr	176.4	527.4	455.1	1,183.1	14.3	20.3	19.4	55.7	158.1	470.9	396.5	1,042.8	14.5	19.5	17.2	51.7	334.5	998.2	851.6	2,225.9	28.7	39.8	36.6	107.4
May	189.6	530.2	466.3	1,212.6	15.6	16.7	14.4	47.5	177.9	475.0	394.0	1,061.9	16.1	23.4	16.6	56.6	367.5	1,005.3	860.2	2,274.6	31.7	40.1	31.1	104.1
Jun	198.4	539.2	465.9	1,227.0	17.5	19.9	15.4	53.1	182.2	467.2	399.5	1,068.0	14.8	17.5	11.9	44.7	380.6	1,006.5	865.5	2,294.9	32.3	37.4	27.3	97.7
Jul	213.4	534.7	459.3	1,234.6	20.0	21.9	13.6	55.7	186.8	459.2	388.2	1,053.0	17.7	14.7	17.0	49.5	400.2	993.9	847.5	2,287.6	37.7	36.6	30.6	105.2
Aug	211.7	531.2	463.0	1,236.3	13.8	19.0	12.9	45.8	193.1	448.5	395.8	1,054.9	13.1	30.8	18.7	62.6	404.8	979.8	858.8	2,291.3	26.8	49.9	31.6	108.4
Sep	188.3	535.6	469.7	1,223.9	13.8	15.3	11.3	40.5	169.8	455.0	406.7	1,048.4	17.3	25.7	10.9	54.5	358.1	990.6	876.4	2,272.4	31.1	41.0	22.2	95.0
Oct	186.9	532.8	469.9	1,224.7	14.7	19.2	14.7	50.2	171.6	465.8	404.4	1,059.2	11.6	19.1	12.6	43.8	358.5	998.6	874.3	2,283.9	26.3	38.3	27.3	94.1
Nov	188.1	534.1	468.5	1,226.1	11.4	19.8	14.9	46.7	178.2	474.7	399.8	1,071.8	16.0	15.4	14.1	45.9	366.2	1,008.8	868.3	2,297.8	27.4	35.2	29.0	92.6
Dec	185.7	531.2	467.7	1,219.0	14.3	23.1	15.5	53.9	176.9	479.7	395.4	1,068.3	11.5	12.5	12.0	36.4	362.6	1,010.9	863.1	2,287.3	25.8	35.6	27.5	90.2
2008 Jan	176.8	526.5	471.6	1,209.8	18.6	24.5	15.8	59.9	171.9	478.4	397.8	1,064.5	12.7	18.8	15.3	47.2	348.7	1,004.9	869.3	2,274.3	31.3	43.3	31.2	107.1
Feb	178.8	521.7	473.4	1,207.5	15.4	26.3	14.4	57.2	175.1	477.1	400.2	1,067.6	15.7	18.7	13.8	48.5	353.9	998.9	873.7	2,275.1	31.1	45.0	28.2	105.7
Mar	180.8	529.6	477.3	1,226.1	11.9	25.2	16.3	54.3	180.2	469.7	412.4	1,079.2	11.1	19.5	16.9	47.8	361.0	999.3	889.7	2,305.3	23.0	44.7	33.2	102.1
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Jan-Mar07	173.3	522.3	455.4	1,181.2	15.9	19.6	15.2	52.7	166.3	471.9	388.6	1,045.6	13.5	17.5	17.8	49.2	339.6	994.2	844.1	2,226.8	29.4	37.0	33.1	101.9
Jan-Mar08	178.8	525.9	474.1	1,214.5	15.3	25.3	15.5	57.1	175.7	475.1	403.5	1,070.4	13.2	19.0	15.3	47.8	354.5	1,001.0	877.6	2,284.9	28.5	44.3	30.9	105.0
% Change	3.2	0.7	4.1	2.8	-3.8	29.5	1.8	8.3	5.7	0.7	3.8	2.4	-2.7	8.8	-13.9	-2.7	4.4	0.7	4.0	2.6	-3.2	19.7	-6.7	3.0

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

Produced by: **BC Stats**

Source: Statistics Canada

5b BC Participation Rates and Unemployment Rates by Age and Gender, Actual

	Men								Women								Total							
	Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)				Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)				Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)			
	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages
1998	62.3	91.5	76.9	71.1	19.3	8.8	7.1	9.8	59.5	78.1	63.5	58.9	15.4	7.1	5.0	7.7	60.9	84.8	70.2	64.9	17.4	8.0	6.1	8.8
1999	62.0	91.4	77.8	71.0	16.1	8.5	6.4	8.9	60.5	78.9	64.2	59.3	12.4	7.2	5.6	7.5	61.3	85.1	71.0	65.1	14.3	7.9	6.0	8.3
2000	61.9	90.8	78.3	70.5	15.4	6.6	5.6	7.5	60.9	78.2	65.3	59.3	11.8	6.4	4.8	6.7	61.4	84.4	71.8	64.8	13.7	6.5	5.2	7.1
2001	61.2	90.6	77.1	69.5	16.1	8.0	6.1	8.6	59.7	77.9	64.0	58.6	11.5	6.6	4.7	6.8	60.5	84.2	70.5	64.0	13.9	7.4	5.5	7.7
2002	63.8	90.6	77.6	70.3	17.0	8.3	6.9	9.1	62.9	79.4	65.6	60.1	13.1	7.6	5.5	7.8	63.4	84.9	71.5	65.1	15.1	8.0	6.2	8.5
2003	63.0	90.4	79.6	70.7	16.0	7.2	6.5	8.2	63.2	80.5	66.7	60.7	12.7	7.4	6.1	7.8	63.1	85.4	73.1	65.6	14.4	7.3	6.3	8.0
2004	62.8	91.2	79.1	70.6	14.4	6.3	5.6	7.3	63.9	81.5	65.9	60.7	12.5	6.2	5.7	7.1	63.3	86.3	72.4	65.5	13.4	6.3	5.7	7.2
2005	64.2	90.9	79.9	70.8	10.9	5.0	4.8	5.8	65.5	79.7	66.6	60.7	9.4	5.4	5.1	5.9	64.8	85.3	73.2	65.6	10.1	5.2	5.0	5.9
2006	64.6	90.6	79.1	70.4	9.2	3.9	3.5	4.6	67.7	80.2	66.6	61.0	7.3	4.6	4.1	4.9	66.1	85.4	72.8	65.7	8.2	4.2	3.8	4.8
2007	68.9	91.5	80.4	71.7	7.5	3.5	3.1	4.0	66.7	79.7	67.6	61.0	7.6	4.0	3.7	4.5	67.8	85.5	73.9	66.3	7.6	3.7	3.4	4.2
2007 Jan	64.1	90.4	79.8	70.6	9.6	3.9	3.0	4.4	63.0	80.1	68.2	60.8	9.0	3.8	5.3	5.2	63.6	85.2	73.9	65.6	9.3	3.9	4.1	4.8
Feb	64.4	90.5	80.1	70.8	8.5	3.7	3.3	4.4	63.7	79.6	66.9	60.4	7.2	3.6	4.5	4.5	64.0	85.0	73.4	65.5	7.8	3.7	3.9	4.4
Mar	64.0	90.3	80.6	70.5	7.1	3.2	3.4	4.0	64.1	81.1	67.8	61.2	6.5	3.3	3.3	3.8	64.0	85.7	74.1	65.8	6.8	3.3	3.4	3.9
Apr	64.6	91.3	80.4	70.7	7.5	3.7	4.1	4.5	61.0	80.4	68.5	60.6	8.4	4.0	4.2	4.7	62.8	85.8	74.4	65.6	7.9	3.8	4.1	4.6
May	69.6	91.1	81.3	71.9	7.6	3.1	3.0	3.8	68.5	81.7	67.8	61.9	8.3	4.7	4.0	5.1	69.1	86.4	74.4	66.8	7.9	3.8	3.5	4.4
Jun	73.2	93.1	81.2	72.9	8.1	3.6	3.2	4.1	69.6	79.4	67.8	61.5	7.5	3.6	2.9	4.0	71.4	86.2	74.4	67.1	7.8	3.6	3.1	4.1
Jul	79.1	92.6	79.5	73.3	8.6	3.9	2.9	4.3	72.2	77.6	66.6	60.8	8.7	3.1	4.2	4.5	75.7	85.1	73.0	67.0	8.6	3.6	3.5	4.4
Aug	76.4	91.5	79.8	72.8	6.1	3.5	2.7	3.6	72.8	78.5	67.9	61.5	6.4	6.4	4.5	5.6	74.6	84.9	73.8	67.1	6.2	4.8	3.5	4.5
Sep	68.4	91.5	80.4	71.6	6.8	2.8	2.3	3.2	65.9	78.6	68.2	60.6	9.2	5.3	2.6	4.9	67.2	85.0	74.3	66.0	8.0	4.0	2.5	4.0
Oct	68.1	91.6	80.8	72.1	7.3	3.5	3.0	3.9	64.5	79.2	68.0	60.5	6.3	3.9	3.0	4.0	66.3	85.4	74.3	66.2	6.8	3.7	3.0	4.0
Nov	67.4	91.8	80.4	71.8	5.7	3.6	3.1	3.7	68.2	80.0	67.3	61.2	8.2	3.1	3.4	4.1	67.8	85.9	73.8	66.4	7.0	3.4	3.2	3.9
Dec	67.5	91.8	80.2	71.7	7.2	4.2	3.2	4.2	66.2	80.3	66.1	60.4	6.1	2.5	2.9	3.3	66.9	86.0	73.1	66.0	6.6	3.4	3.1	3.8
2008 Jan	65.9	91.3	80.6	71.4	9.5	4.4	3.2	4.7	64.8	81.1	66.8	60.7	6.9	3.8	3.7	4.2	65.4	86.1	73.6	66.0	8.2	4.1	3.5	4.5
Feb	65.5	90.7	80.5	71.0	7.9	4.8	3.0	4.5	67.0	80.8	66.8	60.9	8.2	3.8	3.3	4.3	66.2	85.7	73.6	65.9	8.1	4.3	3.1	4.4
Mar	65.0	91.8	81.3	71.8	6.2	4.5	3.3	4.2	67.0	79.6	69.1	61.4	5.8	4.0	3.9	4.2	66.0	85.7	75.1	66.5	6.0	4.3	3.6	4.2
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Jan-Mar07	64.2	90.4	80.2	70.6	8.4	3.6	3.2	4.3	63.6	80.3	67.6	60.8	7.6	3.6	4.4	4.5	63.9	85.3	73.8	65.6	8.0	3.6	3.8	4.4
Jan-Mar08	65.5	91.3	80.8	71.4	7.9	4.6	3.2	4.5	66.3	80.5	67.6	61.0	7.0	3.9	3.6	4.2	65.9	85.8	74.1	66.1	7.4	4.2	3.4	4.4

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

5c BC[redacted]ployment and Unemployment by Age and Gender[redacted]asonally Adjusted

	Men						Women						Total					
	Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)			Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)			Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)		
	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages
1998	132.1	861.9	994.0	31.5	76.0	107.4	126.6	737.8	864.4	23.1	49.4	72.5	258.8	1,599.6	1,858.4	54.6	125.3	179.9
1999	138.2	873.3	1,011.5	26.5	72.3	98.8	134.8	748.1	882.9	19.1	52.5	71.6	273.0	1,621.4	1,894.4	45.6	124.9	170.4
2000	141.0	890.3	1,031.3	25.7	58.1	83.8	138.2	761.7	900.0	18.5	46.3	64.8	279.2	1,652.1	1,931.3	44.2	104.4	148.6
2001	140.9	879.2	1,020.1	27.1	68.5	95.6	138.2	763.3	901.4	18.0	47.5	65.5	279.1	1,642.5	1,921.6	45.1	116.0	161.1
2002	147.8	889.9	1,037.7	30.2	74.0	104.1	145.8	781.5	927.3	22.0	56.5	78.5	293.6	1,671.4	1,965.0	52.2	130.4	182.6
2003	149.3	916.5	1,065.8	28.5	67.1	95.5	149.7	799.2	948.9	21.8	58.7	80.5	299.0	1,715.7	2,014.7	50.3	125.7	176.0
2004	153.8	937.4	1,091.2	25.9	59.5	85.4	154.0	817.5	971.5	21.9	51.8	73.7	307.8	1,754.9	2,062.7	47.8	111.3	159.2
2005	166.5	964.0	1,130.5	20.3	49.5	69.8	165.7	834.4	1,000.0	17.1	46.0	63.1	332.1	1,798.4	2,130.5	37.4	95.5	132.9
2006	172.7	988.2	1,160.9	17.5	38.8	56.2	176.9	857.6	1,034.5	13.9	39.5	53.4	349.6	1,845.8	2,195.5	31.4	78.2	109.6
2007	188.2	1,022.7	1,210.9	15.3	35.4	50.6	174.4	881.0	1,055.4	14.4	35.0	49.4	362.6	1,903.7	2,266.3	29.7	70.4	100.0
2007 Jan	183.0	1,021.7	1,204.7	16.8	30.1	46.9	170.0	877.0	1,047.1	16.2	37.3	53.5	353.1	1,898.7	2,251.8	33.0	67.4	100.3
Feb	183.4	1,018.4	1,201.8	15.5	30.9	46.4	172.4	876.8	1,049.3	14.2	34.1	48.3	355.9	1,895.2	2,251.1	29.7	65.0	94.7
Mar	184.7	1,015.4	1,200.1	14.3	33.6	47.9	174.8	887.8	1,062.6	14.1	30.5	44.6	359.4	1,903.2	2,262.7	28.4	64.1	92.4
Apr	183.7	1,016.3	1,200.0	15.3	40.1	55.4	167.3	879.8	1,047.1	13.7	37.4	51.1	351.0	1,896.1	2,247.1	29.0	77.5	106.5
May	187.7	1,018.4	1,206.1	13.9	33.7	47.5	175.4	880.2	1,055.6	12.7	40.8	53.5	363.1	1,898.6	2,261.7	26.5	74.5	101.1
Jun	189.8	1,017.5	1,207.3	17.2	39.1	56.3	174.1	879.4	1,053.6	14.1	34.1	48.3	363.9	1,896.9	2,260.9	31.3	73.3	104.6
Jul	191.7	1,017.0	1,208.7	14.5	39.2	53.6	173.6	876.7	1,050.3	12.2	32.0	44.3	365.3	1,893.7	2,259.0	26.7	71.2	97.9
Aug	191.0	1,019.9	1,210.9	13.6	32.6	46.2	179.6	876.6	1,056.2	11.4	36.7	48.1	370.5	1,896.6	2,267.1	25.0	69.3	94.3
Sep	192.8	1,025.2	1,218.0	15.1	33.8	48.9	174.7	877.4	1,052.1	17.4	37.4	54.9	367.4	1,902.6	2,270.0	32.5	71.2	103.7
Oct	189.1	1,031.3	1,220.4	16.2	39.3	55.5	174.2	880.9	1,055.2	13.4	35.0	48.4	363.3	1,912.2	2,275.5	29.6	74.3	103.9
Nov	191.3	1,036.2	1,227.4	13.8	36.4	50.2	179.1	892.3	1,071.4	18.7	31.5	50.2	370.3	1,928.5	2,298.8	32.5	67.8	100.4
Dec	189.4	1,038.8	1,228.1	16.4	38.4	54.7	177.1	887.6	1,064.8	15.1	30.8	45.8	366.5	1,926.4	2,292.9	31.4	69.2	100.6
2008 Jan	189.6	1,042.9	1,232.5	16.9	36.3	53.2	180.1	892.6	1,072.7	13.2	31.3	44.5	369.7	1,935.5	2,305.2	30.0	67.6	97.7
Feb	189.1	1,038.2	1,227.3	15.2	36.0	51.2	179.7	896.2	1,075.9	16.4	31.7	48.1	368.8	1,934.4	2,303.2	31.5	67.7	99.3
Mar	190.2	1,049.3	1,239.5	13.4	40.4	53.8	183.5	894.9	1,078.4	13.8	36.7	50.6	373.7	1,944.2	2,317.9	27.3	77.1	104.4
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Average:																		
Jan-Mar07	183.7	1,018.5	1,202.2	15.5	31.5	47.1	172.4	880.5	1,053.0	14.8	34.0	48.8	356.1	1,899.0	2,255.2	30.4	65.5	95.8
Jan-Mar08	189.6	1,043.5	1,233.1	15.2	37.6	52.7	181.1	894.6	1,075.7	14.5	33.2	47.7	370.7	1,938.0	2,308.8	29.6	70.8	100.5
% Change	3.2	2.5	2.6	-2.4	19.1	12.0	5.0	1.6	2.2	-2.5	-2.2	-2.2	4.1	2.1	2.4	-2.5	8.1	4.9

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

Produced by: **BC Stats**

Source: Statistics Canada

5d BC Participation, Unemployment and Employment Rates by Age and Gender, Seasonally Adjusted

	Men									Women									Total								
	Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)			Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)			Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)		
	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages
1998	62.3	72.9	71.1	19.3	8.1	9.8	50.3	67.0	64.2	59.5	58.8	58.9	15.4	6.3	7.7	50.3	55.1	54.4	60.9	65.7	64.9	17.4	7.3	8.8	50.3	60.9	59.2
1999	62.0	72.8	71.0	16.1	7.6	8.9	52.0	67.2	64.6	60.5	59.1	59.3	12.4	6.6	7.5	53.0	55.2	54.9	61.3	65.8	65.1	14.3	7.2	8.3	52.5	61.1	59.7
2000	61.9	72.2	70.5	15.4	6.1	7.5	52.3	67.8	65.2	60.9	58.9	59.3	11.8	5.7	6.7	53.7	55.6	55.3	61.4	65.4	64.8	13.7	5.9	7.1	53.0	61.6	60.2
2001	61.2	71.3	69.5	16.1	7.2	8.6	51.3	66.1	63.6	59.7	58.3	58.6	11.5	5.9	6.8	52.8	54.9	54.6	60.5	64.7	64.0	13.9	6.6	7.7	52.1	60.4	59.0
2002	63.8	71.6	70.3	17.0	7.7	9.1	53.0	66.1	63.9	62.9	59.5	60.1	13.1	6.7	7.8	54.7	55.5	55.4	63.4	65.4	65.1	15.1	7.2	8.5	53.8	60.7	59.6
2003	63.0	72.2	70.7	16.0	6.8	8.2	52.9	67.3	64.8	63.2	60.2	60.7	12.7	6.8	7.8	55.2	56.1	55.9	63.1	66.1	65.6	14.4	6.8	8.0	54.0	61.6	60.3
2004	62.8	72.2	70.6	14.4	6.0	7.3	53.7	67.9	65.5	63.9	60.0	60.7	12.5	6.0	7.1	56.0	56.5	56.4	63.3	66.0	65.5	13.4	6.0	7.2	54.8	62.0	60.9
2005	64.2	72.1	70.8	10.9	4.9	5.8	57.2	68.6	66.7	65.5	59.8	60.7	9.4	5.2	5.9	59.4	56.6	57.1	64.8	65.8	65.6	10.1	5.0	5.9	58.2	62.5	61.8
2006	64.6	71.6	70.4	9.2	3.8	4.6	58.7	68.9	67.2	67.7	59.8	61.0	7.3	4.4	4.9	62.8	57.1	58.0	66.1	65.6	65.7	8.2	4.1	4.8	60.7	62.9	62.5
2007	68.9	72.3	71.7	7.5	3.3	4.0	63.7	69.9	68.9	66.7	59.9	61.0	7.6	3.8	4.5	61.5	57.6	58.2	67.8	66.0	66.3	7.6	3.6	4.2	62.6	63.6	63.5
2007 Jan	67.8	72.5	71.7	8.4	2.9	3.7	62.1	70.5	69.0	65.9	60.3	61.2	8.7	4.1	4.9	60.1	57.8	58.2	66.8	66.3	66.4	8.5	3.4	4.3	61.1	64.0	63.5
Feb	67.4	72.3	71.5	7.8	2.9	3.7	62.2	70.2	68.8	66.0	60.0	61.0	7.6	3.7	4.4	61.0	57.8	58.3	66.7	66.0	66.1	7.7	3.3	4.0	61.6	63.8	63.5
Mar	67.4	72.2	71.4	7.2	3.2	3.8	62.6	69.8	68.6	66.8	60.4	61.4	7.5	3.3	4.0	61.8	58.4	58.9	67.1	66.2	66.3	7.3	3.3	3.9	62.2	64.0	63.7
Apr	67.4	72.5	71.7	7.7	3.8	4.4	62.3	69.8	68.5	64.0	60.2	60.8	7.6	4.1	4.7	59.1	57.8	58.0	65.8	66.2	66.2	7.6	3.9	4.5	60.7	63.6	63.2
May	68.3	72.1	71.5	6.9	3.2	3.8	63.6	69.8	68.8	66.5	60.4	61.4	6.8	4.4	4.8	62.0	57.7	58.4	67.4	66.1	66.3	6.8	3.8	4.3	62.8	63.6	63.5
Jun	70.1	72.3	71.9	8.3	3.7	4.5	64.3	69.6	68.7	66.5	59.8	60.9	7.5	3.7	4.4	61.5	57.6	58.2	68.4	65.9	66.3	7.9	3.7	4.4	62.9	63.5	63.4
Jul	69.9	72.1	71.7	7.0	3.7	4.2	64.9	69.5	68.7	65.6	59.4	60.4	6.6	3.5	4.0	61.3	57.3	57.9	67.8	65.6	66.0	6.8	3.6	4.2	63.2	63.2	63.2
Aug	69.3	71.7	71.3	6.6	3.1	3.7	64.7	69.5	68.7	67.4	59.6	60.8	6.0	4.0	4.4	63.4	57.2	58.2	68.3	65.5	66.0	6.3	3.5	4.0	64.0	63.2	63.4
Sep	70.3	72.0	71.8	7.3	3.2	3.9	65.2	69.7	69.0	67.7	59.6	60.8	9.1	4.1	5.0	61.6	57.1	57.8	69.0	65.7	66.2	8.1	3.6	4.4	63.4	63.3	63.3
Oct	69.4	72.7	72.1	7.9	3.7	4.3	63.9	70.0	69.0	66.0	59.5	60.6	7.1	3.8	4.4	61.3	57.3	57.9	67.7	66.0	66.3	7.5	3.7	4.4	62.6	63.5	63.4
Nov	69.2	72.7	72.1	6.7	3.4	3.9	64.6	70.2	69.3	69.5	59.9	61.4	9.5	3.4	4.5	63.0	57.9	58.7	69.4	66.2	66.7	8.1	3.4	4.2	63.8	63.9	63.9
Dec	69.4	72.9	72.3	8.0	3.6	4.3	63.9	70.3	69.2	67.5	59.5	60.7	7.9	3.4	4.1	62.2	57.5	58.2	68.5	66.0	66.4	7.9	3.5	4.2	63.1	63.8	63.6
2008 Jan	69.6	72.9	72.3	8.2	3.4	4.1	63.9	70.4	69.3	67.8	59.7	61.0	6.8	3.4	4.0	63.2	57.7	58.6	68.7	66.2	66.6	7.5	3.4	4.1	63.6	63.9	63.9
Feb	68.9	72.4	71.8	7.4	3.4	4.0	63.7	70.0	68.9	68.8	59.9	61.3	8.4	3.4	4.3	63.1	57.9	58.7	68.8	66.0	66.5	7.9	3.4	4.1	63.4	63.8	63.7
Mar	68.6	73.3	72.5	6.6	3.7	4.2	64.1	70.6	69.5	69.2	60.0	61.5	7.0	3.9	4.5	64.3	57.7	58.7	68.9	66.5	66.9	6.8	3.8	4.3	64.2	64.0	64.0
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Average:																											
Jan-Mar07	67.5	72.3	71.5	7.8	3.0	3.7	62.3	70.2	68.8	66.2	60.2	61.2	7.9	3.7	4.4	61.0	58.0	58.5	66.9	66.2	66.3	7.8	3.3	4.1	61.6	63.9	63.6
Jan-Mar08	69.0	72.9	72.2	7.4	3.5	4.1	63.9	70.3	69.2	68.6	59.9	61.3	7.4	3.6	4.3	63.5	57.8	58.7	68.8	66.2	66.7	7.4	3.5	4.2	63.7	63.9	63.9

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

6 BC Employment by Full-Time/Part-Time Status

	Men				Women				Total			
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total
1998	870.1	123.9	994.0	12.5	590.2	274.2	864.4	31.7	1,460.3	398.0	1,858.4	21.4
1999	882.5	129.0	1,011.5	12.8	606.1	276.8	882.9	31.4	1,488.6	405.8	1,894.4	21.4
2000	914.1	117.2	1,031.3	11.4	619.2	280.8	900.0	31.2	1,533.3	398.0	1,931.3	20.6
2001	896.7	123.4	1,020.1	12.1	620.9	280.5	901.4	31.1	1,517.6	404.0	1,921.6	21.0
2002	891.8	145.9	1,037.7	14.1	624.6	302.8	927.3	32.7	1,516.4	448.7	1,965.0	22.8
2003	929.7	136.1	1,065.8	12.8	635.2	313.6	948.9	33.0	1,564.9	449.7	2,014.7	22.3
2004	960.1	131.0	1,091.2	12.0	670.7	300.9	971.5	31.0	1,630.8	431.9	2,062.7	20.9
2005	1,000.8	129.7	1,130.5	11.5	693.0	307.0	1,000.0	30.7	1,693.9	436.7	2,130.5	20.5
2006	1,022.3	138.6	1,160.9	11.9	727.8	306.7	1,034.5	29.6	1,750.2	445.3	2,195.5	20.3
2007	1,067.8	143.1	1,210.9	11.8	740.9	314.6	1,055.4	29.8	1,808.7	457.7	2,266.3	20.2
	seasonally adjusted											
2007 Jan	1,048.7	156.0	1,204.7	12.9	746.4	300.7	1,047.1	28.7	1,795.2	456.6	2,251.8	20.3
Feb	1,049.4	152.4	1,201.8	12.7	744.7	304.6	1,049.3	29.0	1,794.0	457.0	2,251.1	20.3
Mar	1,056.7	143.4	1,200.1	11.9	734.7	328.0	1,062.6	30.9	1,791.4	471.3	2,262.7	20.8
Apr	1,054.6	145.4	1,200.0	12.1	740.1	307.0	1,047.1	29.3	1,794.6	452.5	2,247.1	20.1
May	1,065.6	140.5	1,206.1	11.6	747.2	308.4	1,055.6	29.2	1,812.7	449.0	2,261.7	19.9
Jun	1,058.1	149.3	1,207.3	12.4	725.0	328.6	1,053.6	31.2	1,783.0	477.9	2,260.9	21.1
Jul	1,075.2	133.5	1,208.7	11.0	736.8	313.5	1,050.3	29.8	1,812.0	447.0	2,259.0	19.8
Aug	1,076.4	134.5	1,210.9	11.1	740.0	316.2	1,056.2	29.9	1,816.4	450.7	2,267.1	19.9
Sep	1,081.5	136.5	1,218.0	11.2	740.5	311.6	1,052.1	29.6	1,821.9	448.1	2,270.0	19.7
Oct	1,079.0	141.4	1,220.4	11.6	740.2	315.0	1,055.2	29.9	1,819.2	456.4	2,275.5	20.1
Nov	1,089.4	138.0	1,227.4	11.2	758.2	313.2	1,071.4	29.2	1,847.6	451.2	2,298.8	19.6
Dec	1,080.8	147.3	1,228.1	12.0	735.7	329.1	1,064.8	30.9	1,816.5	476.5	2,292.9	20.8
2008 Jan	1,087.2	145.3	1,232.5	11.8	745.9	326.7	1,072.7	30.5	1,833.1	472.1	2,305.2	20.5
Feb	1,083.6	143.7	1,227.3	11.7	751.4	324.5	1,075.9	30.2	1,835.0	468.2	2,303.2	20.3
Mar	1,095.0	144.5	1,239.5	11.7	748.7	329.7	1,078.4	30.6	1,843.7	474.2	2,317.9	20.5
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Average:												
Jan-Mar07	1,051.6	150.6	1,202.2	12.5	741.9	311.1	1,053.0	29.5	1,793.5	461.6	2,255.2	20.5
Jan-Mar08	1,088.6	144.5	1,233.1	11.7	748.7	327.0	1,075.7	30.4	1,837.3	471.5	2,308.8	20.4
% Change	3.5	-4.1	2.6		0.9	5.1	2.2		2.4	2.1	2.4	

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Source: Statistics Canada

7a BC Employment by Industry

	All Industries		Total Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Other Primary		Utilities		Manufac-turing		Construc-tion	
	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg
1998	1,858.4		408.5		33.0		51.3		11.1		195.9		117.2	
1999	1,894.4	1.9	393.8	-3.6	28.1	-14.8	48.5	-5.5	11.1	0.0	191.8	-2.1	114.3	-2.5
2000	1,931.3	1.9	406.3	3.2	29.7	5.7	52.7	8.7	10.3	-7.2	202.5	5.6	111.1	-2.8
2001	1,921.6	-0.5	382.3	-5.9	25.5	-14.1	40.7	-22.8	10.5	1.9	194.9	-3.8	110.7	-0.4
2002	1,965.0	2.3	392.2	2.6	29.0	13.7	37.6	-7.6	11	4.8	196.6	0.9	118.1	6.7
2003	2,014.7	2.5	416.4	6.2	32.9	13.4	45.5	21.0	11.3	2.7	206.8	5.2	119.8	1.4
2004	2,062.7	2.4	436.9	4.9	36.9	12.2	35.6	-21.8	9.2	-18.6	211.2	2.1	144.0	20.2
2005	2,130.5	3.3	452.7	3.6	38.7	4.9	37.5	5.3	10.3	12.0	198.2	-6.2	168.0	16.7
2006	2,195.5	3.1	463.9	2.5	34.7	-10.3	43.8	16.8	8.6	-16.5	197.5	-0.4	179.3	6.7
2007	2,266.3	3.2	495.7	6.9	36.2	4.3	47.3	8.0	10.3	19.8	205.1	3.8	196.9	9.8
	seasonally adjusted													
2007 Jan	2,251.8		494.7		35.2		50.8		7.9		207.0		193.7	
Feb	2,251.1	0.0	485.0	-2.0	35.5	0.9	47.4	-6.7	9.3	17.7	205.8	-0.6	187.0	-3.5
Mar	2,262.7	0.5	491.5	1.3	33.6	-5.4	45.4	-4.2	8.2	-11.8	212.7	3.4	191.5	2.4
Apr	2,247.1	-0.7	494.7	0.7	32.2	-4.2	48.4	6.6	8.7	6.1	211.2	-0.7	194.2	1.4
May	2,261.7	0.6	495.1	0.1	35.2	9.3	45.8	-5.4	8.2	-5.7	205.2	-2.8	200.8	3.4
Jun	2,260.9	0.0	496.8	0.3	35.1	-0.3	46.0	0.4	9.3	13.4	208.8	1.8	197.7	-1.5
Jul	2,259.0	-0.1	487.5	-1.9	36.0	2.6	46.3	0.7	11.8	26.9	205.2	-1.7	188.2	-4.8
Aug	2,267.1	0.4	491.2	0.8	34.4	-4.4	46.9	1.3	11.4	-3.4	201.3	-1.9	197.2	4.8
Sep	2,270.0	0.1	504.5	2.7	38.3	11.3	45.4	-3.2	10.6	-7.0	209.4	4.0	200.7	1.8
Oct	2,275.5	0.2	498.5	-1.2	40.7	6.3	47.1	3.7	12.7	19.8	203.4	-2.9	194.7	-3.0
Nov	2,298.8	1.0	508.2	1.9	39.8	-2.2	48.0	1.9	12.5	-1.6	201.2	-1.1	206.7	6.2
Dec	2,292.9	-0.3	503.5	-0.9	39.7	-0.3	50.6	5.4	13.2	5.6	190.2	-5.5	210.0	1.6
2008 Jan	2,305.2	0.5	509.3	1.2	43.2	8.8	47.8	-5.5	14.6	10.6	193.9	1.9	209.8	-0.1
Feb	2,303.2	-0.1	499.2	-2.0	38.4	-11.1	46.7	-2.3	14.4	-1.4	185.2	-4.5	214.5	2.2
Mar	2,317.9	0.6	511.5	2.5	38.7	0.8	46.9	0.4	15.7	9.0	190.8	3.0	219.4	2.3
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Average:														
Jan-Mar07	2,255.2		490.4		34.8		47.9		8.5		208.5		190.7	
Jan-Mar08	2,308.8		506.7		40.1		47.1		14.9		190.0		214.6	
% Change	2.4		3.3		15.3		-1.5		76.0		-8.9		12.5	

***NOTE**: Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over previous month.*

***Produced by:* BC Stats**

Source: Statistics Canada

7b BC Employment by Industry

	Service Producing Industries		Transport and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Community and Personal Service								Public Administration	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health & Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.		Other Service	
	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg
1998	1,449.9		105.6		289.7		122.3		122.8		118.3		197.4		146.8		253.2		93.8	
1999	1,500.5	3.5	115.9	9.8	304.8	5.2	121.0	-1.1	135.8	10.6	127.3	7.6	193.3	-2.1	149.1	1.6	260.8	3.0	92.5	-1.4
2000	1,525.0	1.6	116.9	0.9	300.8	-1.3	118.3	-2.2	135.8	0.0	136.6	7.3	201.2	4.1	154.5	3.6	268.4	2.9	92.4	-0.1
2001	1,539.3	0.9	112.4	-3.8	303.3	0.8	120.9	2.2	139.2	2.5	138.3	1.2	196.8	-2.2	163.7	6.0	275.1	2.5	89.5	-3.1
2002	1,572.8	2.2	112.9	0.4	324.9	7.1	123.3	2.0	136.1	-2.2	139.3	0.7	211.6	7.5	162.5	-0.7	274.1	-0.4	88.1	-1.6
2003	1,598.3	1.6	119.6	5.9	327.8	0.9	124.5	1.0	139.3	2.4	140.1	0.6	213.3	0.8	159.4	-1.9	281.2	2.6	93.0	5.6
2004	1,625.8	1.7	116.5	-2.6	315.8	-3.7	129.2	3.8	146.3	5.0	135.9	-3.0	219.2	2.8	175.3	10.0	290.4	3.3	97.2	4.5
2005	1,677.8	3.2	118.7	1.9	334.6	6.0	132.9	2.9	163.6	11.8	146.1	7.5	217.4	-0.8	175.8	0.3	293.6	1.1	95.1	-2.2
2006	1,731.6	3.2	119.5	0.7	353.7	5.7	138.0	3.8	167.6	2.4	156.0	6.8	232.2	6.8	170.5	-3.0	302.8	3.1	91.3	-4.0
2007	1,770.6	2.3	125.6	5.1	365.0	3.2	145.0	5.1	166.3	-0.8	156.1	0.1	239.7	3.2	172.7	1.3	304.3	0.5	95.9	5.0
	seasonally adjusted																			
2007 Jan	1,757.1		121.3		355.9		137.6		166.8		157.4		233.9		178.6		310.0		95.6	
Feb	1,766.1	0.5	131.0	8.0	359.4	1.0	139.9	1.7	168.9	1.3	158.8	0.9	243.2	4.0	172.3	-3.5	301.6	-2.7	91.2	-4.6
Mar	1,771.2	0.3	125.0	-4.6	357.1	-0.6	149.2	6.6	161.1	-4.6	161.8	1.9	248.5	2.2	173.0	0.4	303.1	0.5	92.5	1.4
Apr	1,752.4	-1.1	124.4	-0.5	352.8	-1.2	145.2	-2.7	163	1.2	157.6	-2.6	241.6	-2.8	167.6	-3.1	305.1	0.7	95.0	2.7
May	1,766.6	0.8	125.0	0.5	363.5	3.0	149.4	2.9	172.7	6.0	158.5	0.6	234.4	-3.0	169.6	1.2	300.6	-1.5	92.8	-2.3
Jun	1,764.0	-0.1	123.5	-1.2	367.5	1.1	148.0	-0.9	171.3	-0.8	151.8	-4.2	242.0	3.2	173.8	2.5	290.7	-3.3	95.4	2.8
Jul	1,771.5	0.4	124.7	1.0	374.8	2.0	150.0	1.4	175.9	2.7	142.8	-5.9	239.1	-1.2	169.8	-2.3	297.3	2.3	97.1	1.8
Aug	1,776.0	0.3	124.0	-0.6	377.0	0.6	149.2	-0.5	168.2	-4.4	143.9	0.8	235.3	-1.6	182.4	7.4	301.5	1.4	94.4	-2.8
Sep	1,765.6	-0.6	121.3	-2.2	365.1	-3.2	143.8	-3.6	162.7	-3.3	159.5	10.8	236.5	0.5	172.3	-5.5	307.2	1.9	97.4	3.2
Oct	1,777.1	0.7	123.8	2.1	372.7	2.1	142.6	-0.8	161.8	-0.6	158.3	-0.8	243.7	3.0	171.4	-0.5	305.3	-0.6	97.3	-0.1
Nov	1,790.6	0.8	129.1	4.3	369.5	-0.9	142.7	0.1	163.2	0.9	159.6	0.8	241.9	-0.7	171.6	0.1	314.1	2.9	98.9	1.6
Dec	1,789.4	-0.1	136.0	5.3	365.7	-1.0	141.9	-0.6	160.1	-1.9	159.4	-0.1	235.9	-2.5	169.2	-1.4	317.7	1.1	103.5	4.7
2008 Jan	1,795.9	0.4	129.1	-5.1	355.9	-2.7	145.1	2.3	171.2	6.9	166.7	4.6	246.3	4.4	168.1	-0.7	318.4	0.2	95.1	-8.1
Feb	1,804.0	0.5	128.4	-0.5	359.9	1.1	147.9	1.9	175	2.2	156.7	-6.0	240.9	-2.2	176.8	5.2	316.5	-0.6	101.8	7.0
Mar	1,806.3	0.1	130.2	1.4	364.4	1.3	134.1	-9.3	174.1	-0.5	154.8	-1.2	240.6	-0.1	178.9	1.2	324.9	2.7	104.1	2.3
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Average:																				
Jan-Mar07	1,764.8		125.8		357.5		142.2		165.6		159.3		241.9		174.6		304.9		93.1	
Jan-Mar08	1,802.1		129.2		360.1		142.4		173.4		159.4		242.6		174.6		319.9		100.3	
% Change	2.1		2.8		0.7		0.1		4.7		0.0		0.3		0.0		4.9		7.8	

***NOTE**: Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over previous month.*

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Source: Statistics Canada

8 BC Employment and Unemployment Rate by Occupation, Actual

	Management		Business Finance & Admin.		Natural & Applied Sciences		Health		Social Sci. Education Govt Service & Religion		Art Culture Recreation & Sport		Sales & Service		Trades Transport & Equipment Operators		Occupations Unique to Primary		Occupations Unique to Processing, Mfg & Utilities		All Occupations	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
1998	192.8	2.6	340.5	3.2	108.3	4.4	100.0	1.5	138.6	4.1	57.6	5.4	478.9	6.5	288.8	9.3	68.8	16.1	84.1	8.5	1,858.4	8.8
1999	195.6	2.4	344.7	3.4	124.1	3.4	97.7	1.7	143.1	2.7	66.6	4.0	485.5	6.8	287.6	8.1	64.1	14.6	85.3	6.8	1,894.4	8.3
2000	200.3	1.8	336.0	3.2	124.0	2.4	104.5	0.6	151.3	3.1	61.5	4.8	501.0	5.5	286.3	7.6	70.4	13.5	95.9	6.1	1,931.3	7.1
2001	171.6	2.6	340.2	4.1	118.5	4.7	102.3	1.8	149.0	3.2	59.8	5.7	537.4	5.5	285.9	7.7	61.4	13.5	95.6	8.8	1,921.6	7.7
2002	173.7	2.8	333.5	4.2	118.0	5.1	113.7	2.0	161.7	2.9	64.8	6.5	557.6	6.0	284.9	7.9	60.9	14.9	96.3	8.9	1,965.0	8.5
2003	182.1	1.9	351.5	4.1	126.6	6.1	117.2	1.8	162.5	3.2	67.0	6.6	540.4	6.2	297.3	7.1	72.9	12.5	97.3	6.8	2,014.7	8.0
2004	192.9	2.6	353.1	3.8	120.6	5.0	119.1	1.6	155.6	3.9	73.3	5.2	556.2	5.9	319.5	5.9	69.6	10.9	102.8	7.0	2,062.7	7.2
2005	193.0	2.3	383.0	2.9	136.1	3.0	118.6	1.2	172.4	2.5	71.3	4.8	558.0	4.7	330.8	4.5	71.3	9.5	96.1	6.1	2,130.5	5.9
2006	207.9	1.8	371.0	2.5	152.3	2.3	131.8	1.4	175.0	2.8	74.8	3.6	563.2	3.8	349.6	4.0	73.7	8.4	96.1	4.0	2,195.5	4.8
2007	207.3	1.1	391.8	2.3	144.9	2.3	128.2	0.6	183.7	2.2	74.9	2.6	591.8	3.7	369.2	3.2	75.0	7.4	99.5	5.7	2,266.3	4.2
2007 Jan	213.9	1.4	366.8	2.3	156.4	3.2	132.8	1.8	182.2	2.0	72.0	3.4	561.1	4.8	362.2	2.8	72.3	11.5	93.7	5.8	2,213.4	4.8
Feb	218.5	1.4	371.9	2.4	151.9	1.8	137.4	0.5	184.8	1.6	77.2	1.9	571.2	3.6	346.8	3.5	69.4	13.4	92.1	6.5	2,221.2	4.4
Mar	209.4	0.8	388.7	1.5	142.7	2.5	133.0	0.4	197.5	0.8	66.1	0.0	586.6	3.3	356.0	3.9	65.7	10.1	100.2	5.2	2,245.8	3.9
Apr	204.4	1.9	399.1	2.2	137.0	2.4	132.6	0.0	189.3	1.5	77.9	2.1	561.6	4.5	352.9	3.9	67.5	13.2	103.7	4.0	2,225.9	4.6
May	202.5	1.1	394.3	3.0	143.0	3.1	124.8	0.6	189.7	1.7	72.7	3.5	592.4	3.3	374.4	3.5	77.4	6.3	103.4	6.3	2,274.6	4.4
Jun	199.8	0.9	391.9	2.3	137.4	1.6	132.4	0.2	189.8	1.8	70.3	1.8	614.5	3.7	374.9	3.1	81.3	4.9	102.6	7.7	2,294.9	4.1
Jul	191.1	0.5	394.5	2.4	150.8	3.0	131.6	0.5	159.0	4.3	72.6	1.6	616.2	3.9	379.5	3.7	79.6	4.3	112.7	5.6	2,287.6	4.4
Aug	213.2	1.0	387.3	2.9	144.3	2.2	127.7	0.8	160.6	7.2	69.5	5.1	619.6	3.9	379.3	3.0	81.9	2.2	107.9	3.9	2,291.3	4.5
Sep	204.5	1.1	400.3	2.5	139.6	1.7	117.4	0.9	183.9	1.8	75.5	4.3	595.5	3.6	375.7	2.5	79.9	3.7	100.2	4.6	2,272.4	4.0
Oct	208.3	1.2	393.9	2.5	139.6	1.0	119.2	0.6	185.3	1.2	82.5	3.8	597.2	3.5	378.1	2.5	83.6	4.8	96.1	4.8	2,283.9	4.0
Nov	213.1	0.5	402.4	2.0	145.5	2.1	126.1	0.6	189.4	2.4	82.1	1.6	594.9	3.7	381.3	2.7	70.9	7.7	92.2	7.0	2,297.8	3.9
Dec	209.5	0.6	410.1	1.8	150.4	2.7	123.3	0.9	193.2	1.4	80.8	1.7	590.8	2.9	369.6	4.0	70.0	8.1	89.6	6.3	2,287.3	3.8
2008 Jan	202.8	1.0	410.4	1.9	157.6	2.7	131.2	2.5	202.9	1.1	76.8	1.9	570.4	4.0	366.4	4.7	72.7	11.6	83.0	8.4	2,274.3	4.5
Feb	210.2	0.8	405.1	2.7	162.1	2.4	134.8	0.9	200.8	0.9	83.5	1.4	572.0	3.7	365.9	4.2	59.0	11.5	81.8	7.0	2,275.1	4.4
Mar	222.1	0.7	397.9	1.7	155.1	2.1	134.4	1.6	194.4	1.9	77.5	1.8	586.1	3.4	380.6	3.6	64.0	8.2	93.1	8.4	2,305.3	4.2
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Average:																						
Jan-Mar07	213.9	1.2	375.8	2.1	150.3	2.5	134.4	0.9	188.2	1.5	71.8	1.8	573.0	3.9	355.0	3.4	69.1	11.7	95.3	5.8	2,226.8	4.4
Jan-Mar08	211.7	0.8	404.5	2.1	158.3	2.4	133.5	1.6	199.4	1.3	79.3	1.7	576.2	3.7	371.0	4.2	65.2	10.4	86.0	7.9	2,284.9	4.4
% Change	-1.0		7.6		5.3		-0.7		6.0		10.5		0.6		4.5		-5.6		-9.8		2.6	

NOTES: *1. Occupation specific Unemployment Rates include only those unemployed who worked in the past year. The "All Occupations" rate incorporates total unemployed persons which includes an "Occupation Unclassified" category.*

2. Due to the relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

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9 BC Employment and Unemployment Rate by Region and Metropolitan Area

	British Columbia		Vancouver		Victoria		Abbotsford		Development Regions: Vancouver Island/ Coast		Mainland/ Southwest		Thompson-Okanagan		Kootenay		Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
1998	1,858.4	8.8	970.8	8.0	147.2	8.7	66.9	10.1	315.5	9.7	1103.9	8.1	207.4	8.2	70.0	12.0	82.7	14.5	47.3	9.7	31.6	NA
1999	1,894.4	8.3	996.0	7.7	155.3	6.6	66.9	7.6	330.0	7.9	1130.1	7.7	206.1	9.6	69.4	9.3	81.4	11.6	46.7	8.8	30.7	8.9
2000	1,931.3	7.1	1,032.1	5.8	155.3	6.7	68.3	7.5	327.4	7.8	1164.6	6.1	210.3	9.3	70.8	10.0	79.1	9.9	47.3	10.2	31.8	5.9
2001	1,921.6	7.7	1,039.1	6.6	150.8	6.3	71.4	6.7	307.3	9.2	1175.0	6.7	210.2	9.3	70.4	9.7	79.4	9.7	46.6	11.2	32.5	6.1
2002	1,965.0	8.5	1,072.1	7.7	155.7	7.0	75.2	7.5	317.4	8.7	1216.7	7.7	208.1	9.4	66.6	10.0	78.0	12.7	44.9	12.6	33.2	9.0
2003	2,014.7	8.0	1,103.5	7.3	158.7	6.2	74.9	7.5	319.1	8.6	1251.4	7.3	218.8	8.8	67.4	11.5	78.2	11.1	44.8	11.3	34.9	6.4
2004	2,062.7	7.2	1,127.5	6.7	162.0	5.3	78.5	6.4	334.2	7.9	1,275.3	6.7	229.7	6.6	67.1	9.2	80.7	9.1	42.4	11.6	33.3	5.4
2005	2,130.5	5.9	1,155.7	5.7	169.3	4.5	78.3	5.5	350.0	6.3	1,307.3	5.7	244.0	5.3	69.2	6.1	80.1	7.4	45.7	8.1	34.3	4.7
2006	2,195.5	4.8	1,187.1	4.4	175.2	3.7	82.3	4.5	369.5	4.9	1,342.7	4.4	253.7	5.1	69.5	6.2	82.9	6.1	43.1	6.7	34.0	NA
2007	2,266.3	4.2	1,222.7	4.0	182.9	3.3	84.8	4.3	378.3	4.3	1,392.2	4.0	256.7	4.4	77.1	5.5	83.8	5.1	41.5	8.0	36.7	NA
	3- month moving average, actual, ending in:																					
2007 Jan	2,214.1	4.6	1,194.3	4.3	177.2	3.1	84.5	4.3	372.3	4.8	1,354.5	4.3	252.7	5.0	73.9	7.2	82.4	5.8	42.6	6.0	35.6	0.0
Feb	2,218.1	4.6	1,202.5	4.1	175.1	2.9	83.5	4.7	369.6	5.3	1,363.1	4.2	251.7	5.0	74.1	6.8	81.8	5.3	41.7	7.1	36.0	0.0
Mar	2,226.8	4.4	1,211.0	3.7	174.4	3.1	82.8	4.8	367.7	5.4	1,372.6	3.8	252.9	5.0	75.9	5.9	80.9	5.2	41.1	8.3	35.8	0.0
Apr	2,231.0	4.3	1,211.4	3.7	176.4	3.1	82.8	4.8	368.4	5.3	1,375.1	3.8	254.8	4.5	76.5	5.7	79.7	5.2	40.4	8.6	36.1	0.0
May	2,248.8	4.3	1,212.8	4.0	180.2	3.2	84.4	4.6	373.4	4.8	1,379.8	4.1	259.5	4.1	79.2	4.2	80.2	4.5	40.3	8.4	36.4	0.0
Jun	2,265.1	4.4	1,216.1	4.4	184.9	3.1	85.6	4.3	380.3	3.9	1,385.9	4.4	260.1	4.3	79.4	4.6	80.8	4.6	41.1	7.6	37.4	0.0
Jul	2,285.7	4.3	1,231.2	4.3	186.5	3.4	86.8	4.1	383.1	3.9	1,404.2	4.2	259.7	4.6	77.3	4.7	82.0	4.8	41.7	7.7	37.8	0.0
Aug	2,291.3	4.3	1,235.3	4.2	185.7	4.1	86.5	4.4	383.6	4.0	1,409.2	4.2	257.0	4.7	78.6	5.8	83.0	5.7	42.4	7.4	37.5	0.0
Sep	2,283.7	4.3	1,227.0	4.2	184.9	4.3	85.6	4.6	384.7	4.3	1,400.7	4.2	256.6	4.1	78.5	5.6	84.4	5.4	42.6	7.0	36.3	0.0
Oct	2,282.5	4.2	1,218.7	4.2	186.7	3.7	84.4	4.5	386.5	3.9	1,390.9	4.2	260.4	3.7	79.5	5.8	86.6	4.7	42.3	7.3	36.3	0.0
Nov	2,284.7	3.9	1,224.7	3.9	187.9	2.8	84.0	3.7	384.5	3.4	1,396.1	3.9	261.1	3.8	76.4	5.7	88.0	4.2	41.8	8.1	36.9	0.0
Dec	2,289.7	3.9	1,236.9	3.7	187.5	2.6	85.1	3.4	380.6	3.4	1,409.7	3.6	257.2	4.2	74.5	5.9	89.2	5.0	41.2	9.1	37.2	0.0
2008 Jan	2,286.5	4.1	1,245.2	3.7	186.2	3.0	84.9	3.6	375.8	4.5	1,417.7	3.6	253.9	4.8	73.1	4.8	88.0	5.2	41.5	8.2	36.5	0.0
Feb	2,278.9	4.2	1,239.5	3.7	185.0	3.3	83.8	4.9	378.0	5.0	1,411.1	3.7	253.6	5.3	71.8	4.4	86.5	5.8	42.1	7.3	35.8	0.0
Mar	2,284.9	4.4	1,240.4	3.8	186.8	3.2	84.4	5.6	380.4	5.2	1,412.7	3.7	257.6	5.9	71.2	3.4	84.0	6.8	43.3	7.1	35.6	0.0
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Average:	year-to-date averages are based on monthly actual data																					
Jan-Mar07	2,226.8	4.4	1,211.0	3.7	174.4	3.1	82.8	4.8	367.7	5.4	1,372.6	3.8	252.9	5.0	75.9	5.9	80.9	5.1	41.0	8.2	35.8	NA
Jan-Mar08	2,284.9	4.4	1,240.4	3.8	186.8	3.2	84.4	5.6	380.4	5.2	1,412.7	3.8	257.6	5.8	71.2	2.7	84.0	6.8	43.3	7.2	35.6	NA
% Change	2.6		2.4		7.1		1.9		3.5		2.9		1.8		-6.2		3.9		5.6		-0.5	

NOTE: Geographic boundaries changed on January 1, 2005.

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Source: Statistics Canada

10 BC Employment by Class of Worker

	Total Employment		Employees						Self-Employed	
			Total		Public		Private			
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1998	1,858.4		1,474.6		333.7		1,140.8		383.8	
1999	1,894.4	1.9	1,512.9	2.6	345.9	3.7	1,167.1	2.3	381.4	-0.6
2000	1,931.3	1.9	1,574.7	4.1	358.9	3.8	1,215.9	4.2	356.6	-6.5
2001	1,921.6	-0.5	1,570.1	-0.3	350.8	-2.3	1,219.3	0.3	351.4	-1.5
2002	1,965.0	2.3	1,601.7	2.0	353.6	0.8	1,248.1	2.4	363.3	3.4
2003	2,014.7	2.5	1,638.4	2.3	360.5	2.0	1,277.9	2.4	376.3	3.6
2004	2,062.7	2.4	1,671.3	2.0	366.6	1.7	1,304.7	2.1	391.4	4.0
2005	2,130.5	3.3	1,714.8	2.6	369.8	0.9	1,345.0	3.1	415.8	6.2
2006	2,195.5	3.1	1,781.8	3.9	391.2	5.8	1,390.6	3.4	413.7	-0.5
2007	2,266.3	3.2	1,841.0	3.3	401.6	2.7	1,439.4	3.5	425.3	2.8
	seasonally adjusted									
2007 Jan	2,251.8		1,823.9		402.2		1,421.7		427.9	
Feb	2,251.1	0.0	1,827.3	0.2	403.4	0.3	1,423.9	0.2	423.8	-1.0
Mar	2,262.7	0.5	1,835.3	0.4	406.6	0.8	1,428.7	0.3	427.4	0.8
Apr	2,247.1	-0.7	1,823.2	-0.7	402.4	-1.0	1,420.9	-0.5	423.8	-0.8
May	2,261.7	0.6	1,829.5	0.3	400.0	-0.6	1,429.5	0.6	432.2	2.0
Jun	2,260.9	0.0	1,829.0	0.0	393.0	-1.8	1,436.1	0.5	431.9	-0.1
Jul	2,259.0	-0.1	1,830.4	0.1	390.7	-0.6	1,439.7	0.3	428.6	-0.8
Aug	2,267.1	0.4	1,834.5	0.2	395.4	1.2	1,439.0	0.0	432.6	0.9
Sep	2,270.0	0.1	1,849.9	0.8	402.9	1.9	1,447.0	0.6	420.1	-2.9
Oct	2,275.5	0.2	1,857.4	0.4	409.4	1.6	1,448.0	0.1	418.2	-0.5
Nov	2,298.8	1.0	1,875.8	1.0	401.7	-1.9	1,474.2	1.8	423.0	1.1
Dec	2,292.9	-0.3	1,878.8	0.2	411.0	2.3	1,467.8	-0.4	414.1	-2.1
2008 Jan	2,305.2	0.5	1,893.3	0.8	417.4	1.6	1,475.9	0.6	411.9	-0.5
Feb	2,303.2	-0.1	1,899.9	0.3	416.4	-0.2	1,483.5	0.5	403.3	-2.1
Mar	2,317.9	0.6	1,907.0	0.4	414.4	-0.5	1,492.6	0.6	410.9	1.9
Apr										
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Nov										
Dec										
Average:										
Jan-Mar07	2,255.2		1,828.8		404.1		1,424.8		426.4	
Jan-Mar08	2,308.8		1,900.1		416.1		1,484.0		408.7	
% Change	2.4		3.9		3.0		4.2		-4.1	

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Source: Statistics Canada

Labour Force Statistics

This report is based on statistics from the Labour Force Survey produced monthly by Statistics Canada. Questions and comments should be directed to Data Services at (250)387-0327 or write to BC.Stats@gov.bc.ca

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Reference Week

Monthly estimates of employment, unemployment, and persons not in the labour force refer to the specific week covered by the survey each month, normally the week containing the 15th day.

Labour Force

The labour force is composed of those members of the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the reference week, were employed or unemployed.

Employed

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week, either: (a) did any work at all, or (b) had a job but were not at work due to own illness or disability, personal or family responsibilities, bad weather, labour dispute, vacation, or other reason not specified above (excluding persons whose job attachment was to a job to start at a definite date in the future).

Unemployment

Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week, either: (a) were without work, had actively looked for work in the past four weeks (ending with the reference week), and were available for work; or (b) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had been on layoff and were available for work; or (c) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had a new job to start in four weeks or less from the reference week, and were available for work.

Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. The unemployment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the number of unemployed in that group expressed as a percentage of the labour force for that group.

Participation Rate

The participation rate represents the labour force expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The participation rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the labour force for that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

Employment Rate

The employment rate(employment/population ratio) is the number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The employment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the employment for that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

Rounding

Estimates published by the Labour Force Survey are rounded to the nearest thousand but all derived values (totals, averages, rates, ratios, percent changes etc.) are calculated from unrounded figures. Therefore, the sum of the individual rounded items may not equal the total. Unadjusted estimates rounded to hundreds are available from BC Stats on request.

Seasonal Adjustment

Fluctuations in economic time series are caused by seasonal, cyclical and irregular movements. A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Seasonal movements are defined as those which are caused by regular annual events such as climate, holidays, vacation periods, and cycles related to crops, production and retail sales associated with Christmas and Easter. It should be noted that the seasonally adjusted series contain irregular as well as longer-term cyclical fluctuations.

Source: Extracted from Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Definitions and Explanations